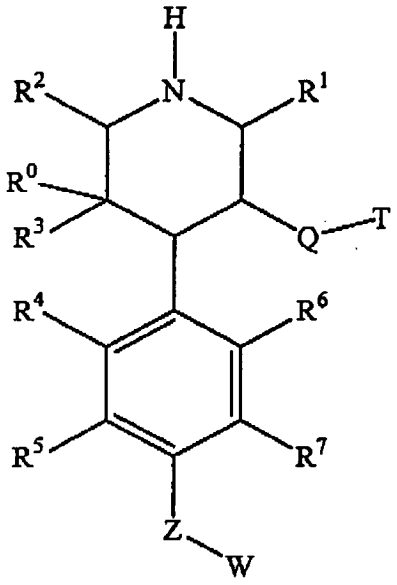
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A compound of Formula I



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

R^1 and R^2 are independently hydrogen or unsubstituted C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, oxo, or thioxo;

R^0 is hydrogen or unsubstituted C_1-C_3 alkyl provided that when R^3 is oxo or thioxo R^0 is absent;

R^4, R^5, R^6, and R^7 are independently hydrogen, halogen, carboxyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_3 alkoxy, or substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_3 alkyl;

Q is $-NR^8-(CH_2)_{0-6}-$, $-NR^9-C(O)-(CH_2)_{0-6}-$, wherein 1 to 3 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{10}, S or a combination thereof;

T is substituted or unsubstituted aryl~~, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, or substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_{12}-alkyl~~;

W is absent, substituted or unsubstituted aryl~~, or substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl~~;

Z is $-(CH_2)_{0-6}$-cycloalkylene-$(CH_2)_{0-6}$- wherein 0 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{12}, S or a combination thereof,

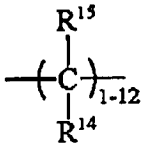
$-(CH_2)_{0-6}$-heterocycloalkylene-$(CH_2)_{0-6}$- wherein 0 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{12}, S or a combination thereof,

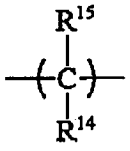
$-(CH_2)_{0-6}$-arylene-$(CH_2)_{0-6}$- wherein 0 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{12}, S or a combination thereof,

$-(CH_2)_{0-6}$-heteroarylene-$(CH_2)_{0-6}$- wherein 0 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{12}, S or a combination thereof,

$-(CH_2)_{0-6}$-$C(O)$-NR^{11}-$(CH_2)_{0-6}$- wherein 0 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{12}, S or a combination thereof,

$-(CH_2)_{0-6}$- NR^{11}-$C(O)$-$(CH_2)_{0-6}$- wherein 0 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{12}, S or a combination thereof,





wherein 1 to 6 nonadjacent units are replaced with O, NR^{12}, S or a combination thereof, or

Z, when W is absent, is hydroxyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_{12} alkyl wherein 1 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{16}, S or a combination thereof, or $-(CH_2)_{0-6}$-$C(O)$-NR^{16}-$(CH_2)_{0-5}$-CH_3 wherein 0 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{16}, S or a combination thereof;

R^8, R^9 and R^{10} are independently hydrogen or substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^{11} and R^{12} are independently substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_3 alkyl; and

R^{14} and R^{15} are independently hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_3 alkoxy, substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_3 alkyl, unsubstituted C_1-C_{12} alkyl wherein 1 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, or R^{14} and R^{15} together with the carbon to which they are attached form a 3- to 6-membered cycloalkylene or heterocycloalkylene ring; and

R^{16} is substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_3 alkyl or hydrogen.

2. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 and R^2, are hydrogen and R^3 is oxo.

3. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein R^4, R^5, R^6, and R^7 are independently hydrogen, halogen, carboxyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, or C_1-C_3 alkyl.

4. (original): A compound of claim 3, wherein R^4, R^5, R^6, and R^7 are independently hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine, carboxyl, methoxy or methyl.

5. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein R^4, R^6, and R^7 are hydrogen and R^5 is chlorine, fluorine, carboxyl, methoxy or methyl.

6. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein Q is -NR^8-$(CH_2)_{0-6}$-, or -NR^9-C(O)-$(CH_2)_{0-6}$- wherein R^8 and R^9 are independently unsubstituted C_1-C_3 alkyl.

7. (original): A compound of claim 6, wherein Q is -NH-$(CH_2)_{0-6}$-, or -NH-C(O)-$(CH_2)_{0-6}$-.

8. (original): A compound of claim 7, wherein Q is -NH-CH_2-, -NH -CH_2-CH_2-, -NH-CH_2-CH_2-O-CH_2-, or -NH-CH_2-CH_2-O-.

9. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein T is unsubstituted aryl.

10. (currently amended): A compound of claim 1, wherein T is unsubstituted phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, ~~1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl,~~ 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxalinyl, or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroindolyl.

11. (currently amended): A compound of claim 10, wherein T is 2-naphthyl [[,]] or biphen-4-yl ~~, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl, or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-7-yl.~~

12. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein T is substituted aryl

13. (currently amended): A compound of claim 12, wherein T is substituted phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, ~~1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl, 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl,~~ 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxalinyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroindolyl, 2,3-dihydroindolyl, 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazinyl, or 3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazinyl.

14. (original): A compound of claim 12, wherein T is phenyl substituted from 1 to 5 times with C_1-C_6 alkyl, halo, C_1-C_6 alkyl wherein 1 to 3 nonadjacent carbons are replaced with O, NR^{16}, S or a combination thereof, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-O-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-O-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-N(R^{16})-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)- NR^{16}-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, HO-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-S(O)$_2$-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-NR^{16}-S(O)$_2$-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, or HO-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), wherein each R^{16} is independently H or C_1-C_6 alkyl or a combination thereof.

15. (original): A compound of claim 14, wherein T is 2-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3,5-dichlorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl,3-methoxyphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl, 3,5-dimethoxyphenyl, 2-methylphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-dimethylphenyl, 2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, 4-fluoro-2-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-phenyl, 3-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-phenyl, 4-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-phenyl, N,N-dimethyl-benzamide-4-yl, or 4-acetylaminophenyl.

16. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein T is biphenyl substituted from 1 to 9 times with C_1-C_6 alkyl, halo, C_1-C_6 alkyl wherein 1 to 3 nonadjacent carbons are replaced with O, NR^{16}, S or a combination thereof, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-O-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-O-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-N(R^{16})-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)- NR^{16}-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, HO-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-S(O)$_2$-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-NR^{16}-

$S(O)_2$-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, or HO-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), wherein each R^{16} is independently H or C_1-C_6 alkyl or a combination thereof.

17. (currently amended): A compound of claim 1, wherein T is naphthyl [[,]] or ~~1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl, 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxalinyl,~~ 3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazinyl, 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazinyl~~, 2,3-dihydroindolyl, or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroindolyl~~ substituted from 1 to 7 times with, C_1-C_6 alkyl, halo, hydroxy, oxo, C_1-C_6 alkyl wherein 1 to 3 nonadjacent carbons are replaced with O, NR^{16}, S or a combination thereof, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-O-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-O-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-N(R^{16})-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)- NR^{16}-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, HO-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-$S(O)_2$-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-NR^{16}-$S(O)_2$-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, or HO-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), wherein each R^{16} is independently H or C_1-C_6 alkyl or a combination thereof.

18. (currently amended): A compound of claim 17, wherein T is 6-methoxy-2-naphthyl, 7-methoxy-2-naphthyl, 6-methyl-2-naphthyl, 6-hydroxy-2-naphthyl, 7-methyl-2-naphthyl, 6-trifluoromethyl-2-naphthyl, 7-trifluoromethyl-2-naphthyl, 6-fluoro-2-naphthyl, 7-fluoro-2-naphthyl, 6-chloro-2-naphthyl, 7-chloro-2-naphthyl, 6-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-2-naphthyl [[,]] or 7-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-2-naphthyl~~, 1-(3-hydroxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(4-thiazolylmethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetamidyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, or 1-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl~~.

19. (currently amended): A compound of claim 1, wherein T is unsubstituted naphthyl, unsubstituted 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, ~~unsubstituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-5-indolyl, 1-acetamidyl-5-indolyl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-6-indolyl, 1-acetamidyl-6-indolyl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-indolyl,~~ 4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-

benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(3-methoxypropyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-acetamidyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(2-acetoxyethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl [[,]] or 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, ~~1-(3-hydroxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-acetyl-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(4-thiazolylmethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetamidyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetamidyl-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetamidyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-acetamidyl-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl or 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl.~~

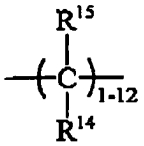
20-26. (canceled)

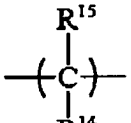
27. (currently amended): A compound of claim 1, wherein T is ~~N-substituted-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-7-yl, N-substituted-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl, N-substituted-2-oxo-~~

~~1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-7-yl, N-substituted 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl,~~ N-substituted 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, N-substituted 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-7-yl, N-substituted 2-oxo-4a,8a-dihydro-2H-chromen-7-yl, N-substituted 2,3-dihydroindol-6-yl, N-substituted 2-oxo-2,3-dihydroindol-6-yl, N-substituted 2,3-dihydroindol-5-yl [[,]] or N-substituted 2-oxo-2,3-dihydroindol-5-yl~~, N-substituted 6-indolyl or N-substituted 5-indolyl~~.

28. (original): A compound of claim 27, wherein the N-substituent is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl wherein 1 to 3 nonadjacent carbons are replaced with O, NR^{16}, S or a combination thereof, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-O-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-O-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-N(R^{16})-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)- NR^{16}-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, HO-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-S(O)$_2$-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-NR^{16}-S(O)$_2$-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, or HO-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), wherein each R^{16} is independently H or C_1-C_6 alkyl.

29. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is





wherein 1 to 6 nonadjacent units are replaced with O.

30. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein R^{14} and R^{15} are hydrogen.

31. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is
-(CH_2)$_{0-6}$-C(O)-NR^{11}-(CH_2)$_{0-6}$- wherein 0 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{12}, S or a combination thereof; or
-(CH_2)$_{0-6}$- NR^{11}-(C(O)-CH_2)$_{0-6}$- wherein 0 to 6 nonadjacent methylene units are replaced with O, NR^{12}, S or a combination thereof; and

R^{11} and R^{12} are as defined in claim 1.

32. (original): A compound of claim 29, wherein Z is $-O-(CH_2)_{2-3}-O-(CH_2)_{1-2}-$, $-O-(CH_2)_{3-4}-O-$, $O-(CH_2)_{1-2}-$, $-(CH_2)-O-(CH_2)_{2-3}-O-(CH_2)_{0-1}-$, $-C(O)-NR^{11}-(CH_2)_2-$, $-C(O)-NR^{11}-(CH_2)_2-O-$, or $-O-(CH_2)_3-S-(CH_2)_1-$; and
R^{11} is as defined in claim 1.

33. (canceled)

34. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is $-O-(CH_2)_3-O-(CH_2)-$.

35. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein W is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl.

36. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein W is 2-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3,5-dichlorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl, 3,5-dimethoxyphenyl, 2-methylphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-dimethylphenyl, 2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, 4-fluoro-2-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-phenyl, 3-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-phenyl, 4-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-phenyl, N,N-dimethyl-benzamide-4-yl, or 4-acetylaminophenyl.

37. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein W is 2-methoxyphenyl.

38-40. (canceled)

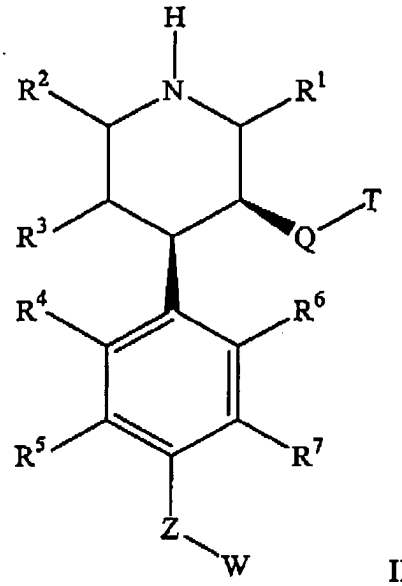
41. (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is $-O-(CH_2)_3-O-CH_2-$, and W is 2-methoxyphenyl.

42. (currently amended): A compound of claim 1, wherein Q is $-NH-CH_2-$ or $-NR^8-CH_2-$; T is unsubstituted naphthyl, unsubstituted 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, ~~unsubstituted 1,2,3,4-~~

~~tetrahydroquinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-5-indolyl, 1-acetamidyl-5-indolyl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-6-indolyl, 1-acetamidyl-6-indolyl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-indolyl,~~ 4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(3-methoxypropyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-acetamidyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(2-acetoxyethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl [[,]] or 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl~~, 1-(3-hydroxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-acetyl-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(4-thiazolylmethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetamidyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetamidyl-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetamidyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-acetamidyl-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-

~~acetoxyethyl) 2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl) 3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl or 1-(2-acetoxyethyl) 3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl~~; and R^8 is C_1-C_3 alkyl.

43. (original): A compound of claim 1 having the formula II or III



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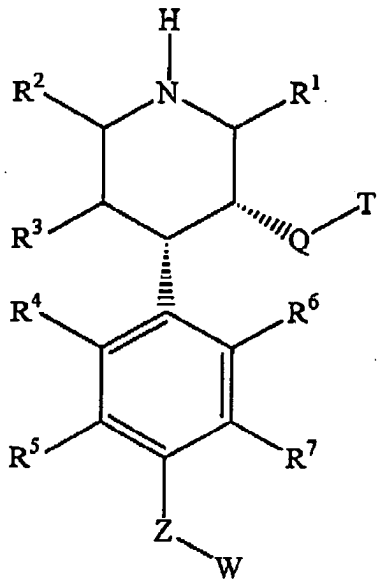
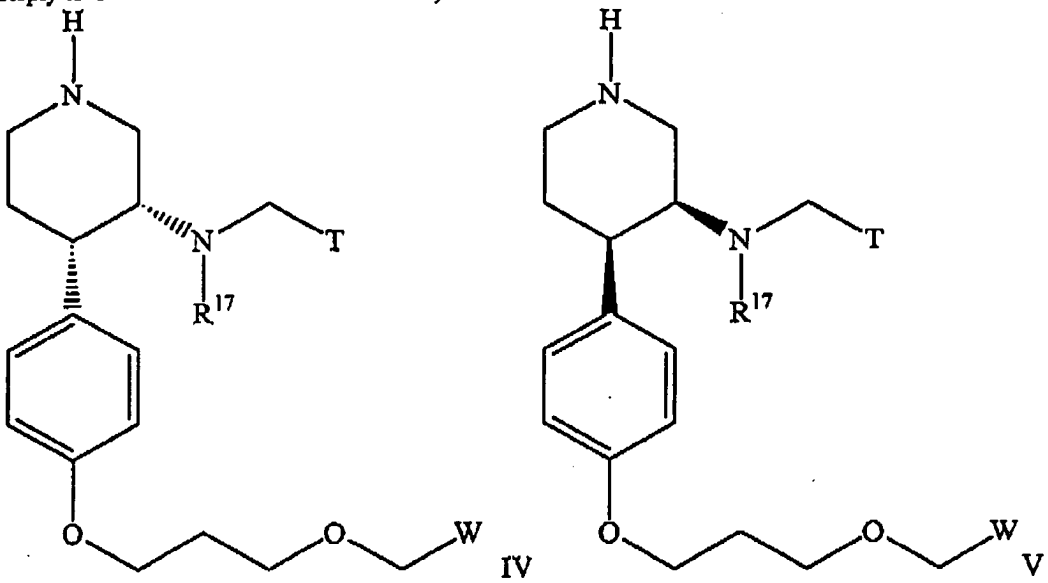


III

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, R^9, R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{14}, R^{15}, R^{16}, Q, T, Z, and W are as defined above in claim 1.

44. (currently amended): A compound of Formula IV or V



IV V

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

T is substituted or unsubstituted aryl~~, or substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl~~;

W is substituted or unsubstituted aryl~~, or substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl~~; and

R^{17} is hydrogen or C_1-C_3 alkyl.

45. (original): A compound of claim 44, wherein T is substituted aryl.

46. (currently amended): A compound of claim 45, wherein T is substituted phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, ~~1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl, 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl,~~ 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxalinyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroindolyl, 2,3-dihydroindolyl, 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazinyl, or 3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazinyl.

47. (currently amended): A compound of claim 44, wherein T is naphthyl [[,]] or ~~1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl, 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolinyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxalinyl,~~ 3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazinyl, 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazinyl~~, 2,3-dihydroindolyl, or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroindolyl~~ substituted from 1 to 7 times with, C_1-C_6 alkyl, halo, hydroxy, oxo, C_1-C_6 alkyl wherein 1 to 3 nonadjacent carbons are replaced with O, NR^{16}, S or a combination thereof, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-O-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-O-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-N(R^{16})-, (C_1-C_6

alkyl)- NR^{16}-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, HO-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-S(O)$_2$-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-NR^{16}-S(O)$_2$-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, or HO-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), wherein each R^{16} is independently H or C_1-C_6 alkyl or a combination thereof.

48. (currently amended): A compound of claim 44, wherein T is unsubstituted naphthyl, unsubstituted 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, ~~unsubstituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-5-indolyl, 1-acetamidyl-5-indolyl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-indolyl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-6-indolyl, 1-acetamidyl-6-indolyl, 1-(2-acetoxyethyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-indolyl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-6-indolyl,~~ 4-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(3-methoxypropyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-acetamidyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(2-acetoxyethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, 4-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl [[,]] or 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, ~~1-(3-hydroxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-hydroxypropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-acetyl-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(4-thiazolylmethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetamidyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetamidyl-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-acetamidyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-acetamidyl-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(3-methoxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2H-quinolin-6-yl, 1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-~~

~~methoxypropyl) 2-oxo 3,4-dihydro 2H quinolin 7-yl, 1 (2-methoxy 2-oxoethyl) 2-oxo 3,4-dihydro 2H quinolin 7-yl, 1 (2 ethoxy 2-oxoethyl) 2-oxo 3,4-dihydro 2H-quinolin 7-yl, 1 (2-acetylaminoethyl) 2-oxo 3,4-dihydro 2H-quinolin 6-yl, 1 (3-methoxy 3-oxopropyl) 2-oxo 3,4-dihydro 2H-quinolin 6-yl, 1 (3-methoxypropyl) 2-oxo 3,4-dihydro 2H-quinolin 6-yl, 1 (2-methoxy 2-oxoethyl) 2-oxo 3,4 dihydro 2H quinolin 6 yl, 1 (2-ethoxy 2-oxoethyl) 2-oxo 3,4-dihydro 2H-quinolin 6-yl, 1 (2-acetoxyethyl) 2-oxo 3,4-dihydro 2H quinolin 6-yl, 1 (2-acetoxyethyl) 2-oxo 3,4-dihydro 2H quinolin 7 yl, 1 (2 acetoxyethyl) 3,4-dihydro 2H quinolin 6 yl or 1 (2 acetoxyethyl) 3,4-dihydro 2H quinolin 7 yl.~~

49-50. (canceled)

51. (currently amended): A compound of claim 44, wherein T is ~~N-substituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin 7-yl, N-substituted 1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin 6-yl, N-substituted 2-oxo-1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin 7 yl, N substituted 2 oxo 1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin 6 yl,~~ N-substituted 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-6-yl, N-substituted 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-7-yl, N-substituted 2-oxo-4a,8a-dihydro-2H-chromen-7-yl, N-substituted 2,3-dihydroindol-6-yl, N-substituted 2-oxo-2,3-dihydroindol-6-yl, N-substituted 2,3-dihydroindol-5-yl [[,]] or N-substituted 2-oxo-2,3-dihydroindol-5-yl~~, N-substituted 6-indolyl or N-substituted 5-indolyl~~.

52. (oOriginal): A compound of claim 51, wherein the N-substituent is C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl wherein 1 to 3 nonadjacent carbons are replaced with O, NR^{16}, S or a combination thereof, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-O-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-O-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-N(R^{16})-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)- NR^{16}-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, trifluoromethyl, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, HO-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-C(O)-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-$S(O)_2$-NR^{16}-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, (C_1-C_6 alkyl)-NR^{16}-$S(O)_2$-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_{0-1}$-, or HO-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), wherein each R^{16} is independently H or C_1-C_6 alkyl.

53. (original): A compound of claim 44, wherein W is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl.

54. (original): A compound of claim 53, wherein W is 2-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3,5-dichlorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl, 3,5-dimethoxyphenyl, 2-methylphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-dimethylphenyl, 2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, 4-fluoro-2-trifluoromethylphenyl, 2-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-phenyl, 3-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-phenyl, 4-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-phenyl, N,N-dimethyl-benzamide-4-yl, or 4-acetylaminophenyl.

55. (original): A compound of claim 44, wherein W is 2-methoxyphenyl.

56. (currently amended): A compound of claim 44, wherein T is unsubstituted naphthyl [[,]] or unsubstituted 4-trifluoromethylphenyl~~, unsubstituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-7-yl, 1-(3-hydroxypropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl, or 1-(2-acetoxy-ethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-7-yl~~ and W is 2-methoxyphenyl.

57. (currently amended): The compound

(4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-amine,

(4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-(6-methoxy-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-amine,

~~(4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-quinolin-7-ylmethyl-amine,~~

~~(4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolin-7-ylmethyl)-amine,~~

(4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-methyl-naphthalen-2-ylmethyl-amine,

6-[(4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-ylamino)-methyl]-naphthalen-2-ol,

~~benzofuran-5-ylmethyl-(4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-amine,~~

~~(1H-indol-5-ylmethyl)-(4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-amine;~~

6-[(4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxyl]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-ylamino)-methyl]-naphthalene-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester [[;]] ,

6-[(4-[4-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxyl]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-ylamino)-methyl]-naphthalene-1-carboxylic acid[[;]] ,

naphthalene-1-carboxylic acid (4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-amide[[;]] ,

6-[(4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-ylamino)-methyl]-naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester[[;]] ,

~~(4-{4-[3-(2-fluoro-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-quinolin-7-ylmethyl-amine;~~

6-[(4-{4-[3-(2-fluoro-benyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-ylamino)-methyl]-naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester[[;]] ,

6-[(4-{4-[3-(2-fluoro-benyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-ylamino)-methyl]-naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid[[;]] ,

~~6-[(4-{4-[3-(2-fluoro-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-ylamino)-methyl]-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester;~~

naphthalene-2-sulfonic acid (4-{4-[3-(2-fluoro-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-amide[[;]] ,

(4-{4-[3-(2-fluoro-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-(4-fluoro-3-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-amine[[;]] ,

{3-[(4-{4-[3-(2-fluoro-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-ylamino)-methyl]-phenoxy}-acetic acid methyl ester[[;]] ,

1-(2-{3-[(4-{4-[3-(2-fluoro-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-ylamino)-methyl]-phenoxy}-ethyl)-pyrrolidine-2,5-dione[[;]] , or

1-(2-{3-[(4-{4-[3-(2-fluoro-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-ylamino)-methyl]-phenoxy}-ethyl)-pyrrolidine-2-one[[;]]

~~3-[(1-dimethylcarbamoylmethyl-1, 2, 3, 4-tetrahydro-quinoline-7-carbonyl)-amino]-4-{4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester; or~~

~~[1-(2-dimethylamino-ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinolin-7-ylmethyl]-(4-{4-[3-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl}-piperidin-3-yl)-amine~~.

58. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of any of claims ~~1-57~~ 1-19, 27-32, 34-37, 41-48, 51-58, or 67, admixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

59. (withdrawn): A method of inhibiting renin in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of any of claims ~~1-57~~ 1-19, 27-32, 34-37, 41-48, 51-58, or 67.

60. (withdrawn): A method of treating or preventing hypertension in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of any of claims ~~1-57~~ 1-19, 27-32, 34-37, 41-48, 51-58, or 67.

61. (withdrawn): A method of treating or preventing congestive heart failure in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of any of claims ~~1-57~~ 1-19, 27-32, 34-37, 41-48, 51-58, or 67.

62. (withdrawn): A method of treating or preventing stroke in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of any of claims ~~1-57~~ 1-19, 27-32, 34-37, 41-48, 51-58, or 67.

63. (withdrawn): A method of treating or preventing myocardial infarction in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of any of claims ~~1-57~~ 1-19, 27-32, 34-37, 41-48, 51-58, or 67.

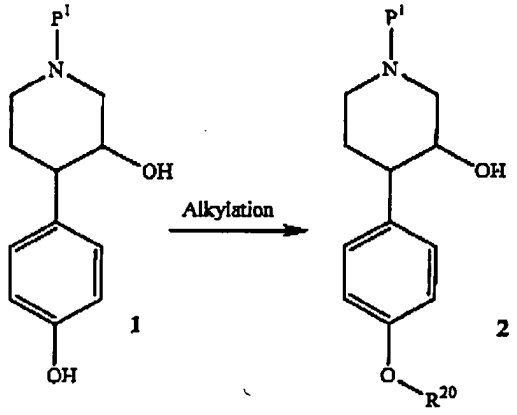
64. (withdrawn): A method of treating or preventing glaucoma in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of any of claims ~~1-57~~ 1-19, 27-32, 34-37, 41-48, 51-58, or 67.

65. (withdrawn): A method of providing end organ protection in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of any of claims ~~1-57~~ 1-19, 27-32, 34-37, 41-48, 51-58, or 67.

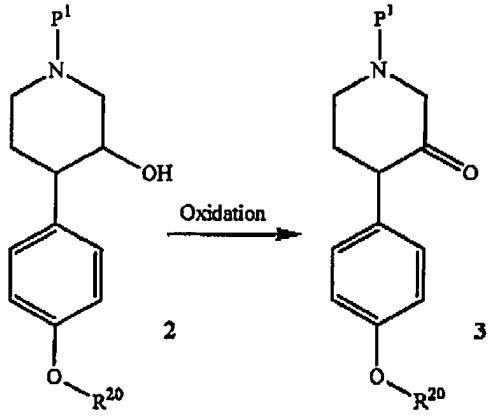
66. (withdrawn): A method of treating or preventing hyperaldosteronism in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of any of claims ~~1-57~~ 1-19, 27-32, 34-37, 41-48, 51-58, or 67.

67. (original): A process for preparing a compound of claim I comprising the steps of:

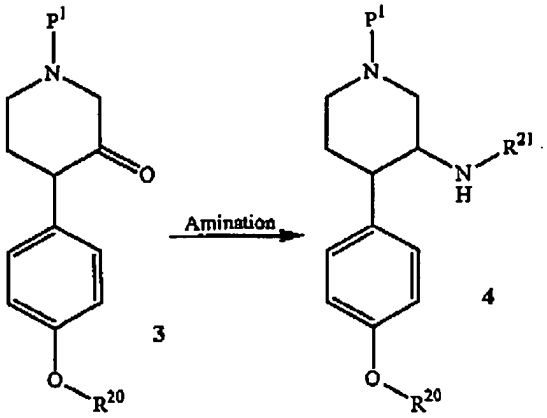
a) alkylation of piperidine **1** to afford the intermediate **2** wherein R^{20}, along with the oxygen to which it is attached, is equivalent to –Z-W as defined in claim 1;



b) oxidation of **2** to afford the piperidinone intermediate **3**;



c) contacting 3 with a suitable amine to afford the intermediate 4, wherein R^{21}, along with the nitrogen to which it is attached is equivalent to –Q-T as defined in claim 1;



d) deprotection of 4 to afford 5